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Dear Pete Kihss,

It is not that I take a month to say "thanks", but that I just got back from the trip I started the day after we spoke.

The Gieshrecht things is interesting. It also puzzles me. Some of it I can believe, part I find dubious. I'll be down in N.O. again soon and will see what is thought of it there. Glad to have it.

I find that wherever I go I develop new information, including New Orleans. I wish it were possible for you and Harrison and Salisbury and me to get together for an hour or two. There is much I now know I'd like to tell you. My fifth book is written. It awaits my ability to sustain the increased debt, for the third is almost totally suppressed.

We are having to improvise with Oswald in New Orleans. The wholesaler there demanded a $50,000 advance indemnification against suits not filed. He thought if they were they'd be frivolous. The only one he mentioned would have been from accurate quotation of the Times, Nash Post and Attorney General. He would not accept about $7,500. So, in New Orleans, where what the book is about happened, and whose most popular and best-known citizen wrote the foreword, the book is almost unavailable. This is called the free press, by constitutional guarantee.

To the best of my knowledge, the book is not available in Washington.

Sorry you didn't get to hear that tape. I think it is of major importance. If I get to Washington with a few minutes to spare I'll phone Tom Wicker.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg